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MEMORANDUM FOR: SSA/Comptroller

SUBJECT : Expenditure of Funds for Recreational
Purposes in [REDACTED]

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REFERENCE : Memorandum from Chief, FE to DD/P, Dated
6 July 1955, Same Subject

1. Referenced memorandum requests approval for the expenditure of \$8,000.00 for recreational supplies, facilities and equipment in [REDACTED]. Of this amount, \$3,000.00 is requested for recreational equipment at remote up-country installations and \$5,000.00 for the [REDACTED]

2. The facts presented in the referenced memorandum indicate that the [REDACTED] installations are used for [REDACTED]. There are several of these camps located in isolated sections of [REDACTED]. Normally there are no more than three Americans at a camp. Under these circumstances it appears that the CIA employees concerned are engaged in such duties and are stationed in remote and isolated installations solely because of the Agency's unusual functions. Although there is no specific law or appropriation providing for the expenditure of Government funds for recreational facilities at such installations, it is apparent that this is a type of case contemplated by Section 10(b) of the CIA Act of 1949 which authorizes the Director to expend funds without regard to the provisions of other laws when such expenditure is necessary for the Agency to carry out its mission.

3. Referenced memorandum states that the [REDACTED] is used for recreational and social functions by both American employees and [REDACTED] with whom we are working in [REDACTED]. It is used extensively by officers of both nationalities and by officers of the [REDACTED] installations when they are in [REDACTED]. In the past the [REDACTED] have borne the expense of maintaining the mess building but at present additional funds are needed for repairs and improvements and it is felt that CIA should contribute toward these expenses. Under the circumstances set forth by the Chief, FE, it appears that the [REDACTED], although a recreational facility, helps to maintain good relationships with the [REDACTED] with whom we are working and therefore aids in our over-all mission in that country. Its purpose is not solely to benefit CIA employees stationed in [REDACTED]. Under these circumstances it would appear that an expenditure of funds for repairs and improvements can be

justified under Section 10(b) of the CIA Act of 1949 as necessary for carrying out the peculiar mission of the Agency.

4. For the reasons set forth above, this Office interposes no legal objections to the expenditure of funds as requested in referenced memorandum.

5. Your attention is called to the fact that a request for approval to spend project funds need not be referred to the DD/P. The Chief of the area division has the authority to approve such an expenditure.

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